Lord Nityananda Converts Jagai and Madhai #9

Scene One

(Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda come on stage and stand on a raised platform. A large sun and moon are behind Them as the Narrator speaks:)

Narrator: Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda are just like the sun and moon and have arisen simultaneously on the horizon of Gaudiya just to dissipate the darkness of ignorance and wonderfully bestow benediction upon all.

(Chanting parties come in, four devotees at a time. They tour around the village and then, after several parties have chanted together, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu comes on stage and they have a Sankirtan meeting:)

Vakresvara Pandit: Oh, merciful Lord Caitanya, we have been loudly and joyously chanting the Holy Names of the Lord -

Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

just as You have instructed us!

Caitanya: My dear Nityananda and Haridasa, you are both dear to My heart. I think that only you, dear well-wishers, can relieve me of my anxiety.

Nityananda: Anxiety, prabhu? What anxiety?

Caitanya: Yes, I am now feeling a great mental anguish when I think of the multitudes of human beings suffering because of ignorance of the cooling shelter of the Lord. They are unaware of the mission of human life. Human life is meant to develop our love of Krsna and get out of the cycle of birth and death. Because of ignorance, they hopelessly embrace material pleasure as the reason for life itself.

Haridasa: My dear Lord, do not experience anxiety or be unhappy to see the unfortunate condition of people in material existence. They do not yet realize how much greater Krsna Consciousness is but in time they will.

Caitanya: Haridasa, please understand that they are constantly cheated by birth, disease, old age and death. I feel pain in My heart and head. Why should they suffer needlessly? Oh, how will these people be delivered?

Haridasa: They have good opportunity because You have descended as a devotee of Krsna to teach us how salvation from repeated birth can be attained by the chanting of Hare Krsna and dancing. Everyday, Nityananda Prabhu and I go out chanting the Maha Mantra and telling everyone about Your mission. **(Nityananda Prabhu sings a bhajan)** This Holy Name is so powerful that, if someone sincerely utters it even once, they can be freed from all karmic results and transcend their sinful past, achieving Krsnaloka in this lifetime.

Caitanya: Jai! With such strong faith in the Holy Names you two will bring the suffering of the whole world to an end! Now that many devotees have come from all over the country to join our party here in Navadwip, we have to spread this cult of Krsna Consciousness more and more! That is the duty of every devotee of Krsna. I have already ordered that kirtan be performed in each and every home. Now, I am pleased to see that this is going on nicely, but this is not enough. We should never be content just to enjoy the ecstasy of devotional service ourselves, but should try as far as possible to spread it to all of the suffering souls. So, now I am making a new program. First of all, my two chief whips are Nityananda Prabhu and Haridasa Thakur.

(He places His hands affectionately on them.)

So, I am asking You both to go from door to door, from house to house, and humbly beg every man you meet to chant the Holy Names of Krsna.

All: Hari Bol! Jai Sri Krsna!

Caitanya: Every evening you should return to Me and tell Me about the day's preaching activities. What's more, I now want all of the devotees to take the chanting of the Holy Names out into the streets and market places. We have kept this nectar to ourselves long enough, now we must distribute it to everyone, and force them to

drink this delicious nectar of the Holy Names!

All: Hari Bol! Hari Bol! Hari Bol!

Caitanya: Now, more kirtan! Hari! Jai Sri Krsna! Hari Bol! We will meet tonight at Srivas Prabhu's home for intimate kirtans. HARI BOL!

All: HARI BOL!!
(The kirtan parties sing as they leave the stage.)

Scene Two

(On the village street, Jagai and Madhai are intoxicated and a crowd has gathered to see them, laughing and taunting.)

Lalita: (sweeping) Look at those two debauchees, Jagai and Madhai! Although born in a good brahmana family, they are always intoxicated and today is no different!

Visahka: And if they are not drunk, then they are robbing or harassing or killing someone!

Candra: I heard that they have committed every sinful act listed in the Manu Samhita at least once!

Sakhi: Something very wonderful will have to happen for them to give up their sinful ways!

Lalita: And it better be soon, for all our sakes!!
(The women go back to their duties - sweeping, sewing, making garlands. Nityananda Prabhu and Haridas Thakur enter.)

Nityananda: Alright, Haridas, you take that house over there, down the street and work up and I will start here and work down towards you. Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu has instructed us to humbly request everyone to chant the Hare Krsna Mahamantra and give up their sinful activity.

Haridasa: Sounds easy enough!

Nityananda: (sees Jagai and Madhai and the crowd around them) Ah,

and here are two good candidates for Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's causeless mercy!

Haridas: These two drunkards look very dangerous! Perhaps, we should hone our preaching skills first on more pious gentlemen of the village. If we fail to convert these fellows, then people in general may think that it is the bhakti process that is ineffective!

Nityananda: But, if we do convert these men then the name of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu will be all the more glorious as Patita Pavana - the deliverer of the most fallen!!

(Nityananda Prabhu parts the crowd and stands before Jagai and Madhai.)

O Spirit Souls, Wake Up! Wake up - Just chant
Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare
and your life will be sublime!!

Jagai: Oh, yeah, right! I've heard that mantra before! Leave us alone! Can't you see that we're having fun?

Madhai: Yeah, a party! Care to join us?

Nityananda: You are eternal spirit souls, part and parcel of the Supreme! If you will just taste the nectar of the Holy Name you will realize that this other drink is just poison! Come on, sing it with me, now!!
Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Jagai: Beat it!

Madhai: Get out of my face! Stop that noise!

Nityananda:*Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare*
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Haridas: (pulling Nityananda Prabhu away) Come on, Nityananda Prabhu; they have no desire to hear! Since most of the residents of this area are here observing this disturbance, we will go to the next neighborhood, now.

(They leave.)

Scene Three

(Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu sits and chants softly. Nityananda Prabhu, Haridas Thakur and the other devotees enter. Lord Caitanya and Nityananda Prabhu embrace while Haridas Thakur offers obeisances.)

Haridas: My dear Lord, You know how I love preaching the glories of the Holy Name, but could I please have some other Sankirtan partner? This Nityananda Prabhu is a madman! Sometimes, He rolls on the ground in ecstatic love and does all sorts of uncommon things!

Nityananda: I would go to every house in the Hindu section and when the householder came to his door, I would fall down at his feet and cry, "Please, I beg you! Just always chant the Holy Names Hare Krsna and depend upon Him!" Hardly a gentleman refused me and so, in this way, many fallen souls were saved today!

Haridas: He would roll about the floor in the entrance way; he wouldn't leave until the householders were all crying, too!

Haridas: Nityananda Prabhu sometimes jumps on the backs of bulls crying "I am Lord Siva" and He grabs the hands of the small girls saying "Come, We will dance in the moonlight for a night of Lord Brahma!"

Caitanya: I am sure Nityananda Prabhu will try and subdue His ecstatic emotions at least for today. All right, Nitai?
(Haridas Thakur and Nityananda Prabhu embrace.)
Nityananda Prabhu! Haridasa! Please tell me of your day's preaching!

Nityananda: Today, my Lord, we have met the most fallen two men, born sons of Brahmans, Jagai and Madhai. Their lives are most abominable, engaged in all sorts of debauchery. My Lord, we approached them and pleaded with them to take Your mercy and chant just once the Holy Name but most lamentably they could not do so due to their pride and their intoxicated state.

Caitanya: Today, You have achieved something very rare. I, Myself, could not have done this. By attempting to deliver these two scoundrels, You have set an example for all devotees. Your activities have greatly touched my heart and I will never be able to repay you.

Vakresvare Pandit, you take Mukunda Datta with you. Vasu Ghosa and Achutananda go to the south quarter of Navadvip to preach. Sivananda Sena, you and Ballabhadra take Ramananda, Govinda, Purusottama and Madhava Ghosh on kirtan into Antardvip. Murari Gupta you will go with Nityananda Prabhu and Haridas Thakur on door to door Sankirtan!

(Everyone starts leaving and Nityananda Prabhu brings Murari Gupta to the front.)

Nityananda: We have a special mission today, Murari. Today we will demonstrate the power of the Holy Name!

(They have a kirtan as they walk. They enter Jagai and Madhai's neighborhood.)

Jagai: Stop that noise, I said!

Madhai: I can't stand it! It hurts my ears! Oh, it's You! We told You not to come back!!

Nityananda: We have come to beg you to chant the Holy Name of the Lord - Hare Krsna!

Madhai: Forget it! Now get out of here!

(He throws a piece of earthen pot at Nityananda Prabhu.)

Murari: Oh! Sri Krishna Caitanya!

(Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu enters running, in a fiery, angry mood. He is displaying His disc weapon, the Sudarshan Cakra.)

Caitanya: How dare you!? I can tolerate any offense on my own behalf, but I cannot tolerate an offense to My devotee! You are finished!

Nityananda: No, My Lord! In this incarnation, You come with Your devotees and the Holy Name as Your weapons - not the Sudarshan Cakra! My Lord! My Lord, please remember the

purpose of Your mission! You have come to save such fallen souls. If You kill these two brothers then You will have to kill almost everyone else because these two are typical of the fallen condition of men in this age. Please, instead give them Your mercy and save them from the material snare of illusion!

Jagai: Yes! We are so sorry, Lord! We're fallen, please save us!

Madhai: We didn't mean it! We have been in such bad maya for so long! I'm sorry please forgive me for offending Your devotee!

Nityananda: Just hear them, Lord! They have sincerely requested Your mercy! My wound is not grave and I want to forgive them. I beg You to forgive them, Lord.

Jagai: We'll chant all the time!

Madhai: We'll be your servants!

Caitanya: Because You have requested My mercy on their behalf, I will accept them as My bhaktas.
(turning to Jagai and Madhai) but, I have a condition: you must give up all meat- eating, intoxication, womanizing and gambling. If you are willing to make these changes then I will accept you as my students and give you My full blessing!

Jagai: Yes! I will never do these things ever again! I'll just chant Hare Krsna all the time! Thank you!

Madhai: Yes, I promise!! Thank You!

Caitanya: Then rise up, my sons! Rise up! I forgive your sins and ignorance. It is this submission to spiritual guidance that justifies your human birth.

Caitanya: You have received the special mercy of Nityananda Prabhu. He is the most compassionate Person because He is intoxicated by ecstatic love of Krsna. He is the very incarnation of Mercy! He does not distinguish

between the good and the bad and will deliver even the most sinful of sinners! Fall at the Lotus Feet of Nityananda Prabhu!

(Jagai and Madhai offer obeisances to Lord Nityananda.)

Now take these names into Your heart and chant Hare Krsna! At last, Jagai and Madhai have returned to our party!! Hari Bol! Hari Bol!

Nityananda: My Lord, Your complexion has turned black! You have absorbed all the sins of Jagai and Madhai!

Caitanya: Jagai and Madhai are now completely pure. But, in the Future, I may not be so tolerant. If one purposefully offends My devotee, I will put upon that person all the sinful reactions of Jagai and Madha!

Narrator: Jagai and Madhai became ideal Vaisnavas to the great astonishment of the residents of Navadvip. Everyday Jagai would chant 200,000 Names of Krsna and Madhai personally built a large ghat to facilitate pilgrims passing through. People came from hundreds of miles around to see these two changed brothers and Madhai would wash the feet of 500 Vaisnavas every day. Everyone commented that a more blissful and grateful pair could not possibly be found in this world.

Murari: Nityananda Prabhu ki jaya! Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu ki jaya! Sri Krsna Caitanya Sankirtan Movement ki jaya!!

(Chanting party enters. Everyone, including Jagai and Madhai participates and encourages the audience to chant

Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare
***Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare*.**